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### **Charm(s)**

**An exhibition of art work by Mavis Leahy, Gloria Newton, and Toti M. O'Brien**

**At 131 Maryland Avenue in Glendale**

**Open House, Saturday Nov. 15, 5-7 p.m.**

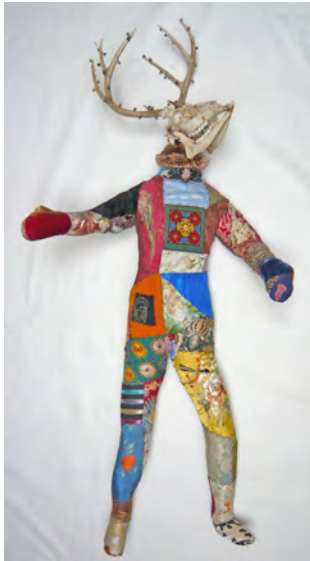
**On view through December 10, 2014**

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## Charm(s)



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Artists' Statement:

Charm takes us by surprise. It's the music we want to listen to again, but we don't know why. It's the movie that didn't make us cry or laugh, but we can't get off our seat at the end. Or it takes us a while... we stay there enthralled, enchanted. Suspended.

Charm(s) are things suspended to a necklace or a bracelet. Earrings could work as well.

Suspension is the key.

Charms can be anything, as long as their owners like them. They feel nice to the touch. They make a tingling sound. They are arranged in sequences, as incongruous as they are magical.

For Charm(s), the artists Mavis Leahy, Gloria Newton, and Toti M. O'Brien have turned their attention to the visual arts. They work with cardboard, paper, fabric, and found objects that capture their collective imagination. Their ad-hoc collaborative has constructed a temporary, site-specific installation for an empty storefront Glendale, which will be on view through November 30, 2014. Charm(s) is an installation focused on narratives and storytelling, using images, colors, and small- and large-scale puppet pieces.

Mavis Leahy  
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